

World War I & the Russian Revolution Review

I. On the Path to Total War

1. Why did Princip assassinate Archduke Francis Ferdinand?
2. Describe the European alliance system that formed before 1914.
3. How did nationalism and military buildup contribute to the outbreak of war in 1914?
4. Why were the Balkans an unstable area in the early twentieth century?
5. Explain the role of Germany's "blank check," Austria's ultimatum to Serbia, and Russia's mobilization in starting the war.

II. The Front Lines

6. How did the outbreak of war initially serve to lessen domestic political divisions?
7. How was the Schlieffen Plan supposed to work, and when did it fail?
8. How did trench warfare affect the fighting?
9. How did soldiers sometimes react to their commanders' refusal to stop short of anything other than complete victory?
10. What effect did the war have on areas outside of Europe?

III. War on the Home Front

11. Explain why World War I was a total war.
12. What measures did governments take to mobilize resources for the war effort?
13. How did the war change class distinctions and gender roles?
14. What messages was wartime propaganda manufactured to send?
15. What domestic problems did countries experience during the war?

IV. To the Bitter End

16. What effect did the United States' entrance into the war have?

V. Assessing the Costs of the War

17. What was the human cost of the war?
18. What other losses did governments face?

VI. The Peace Settlement

19. Which voices were most influential at the Paris Peace Conference? Why?
20. In what ways was the Treaty of Versailles "more of a victor's peace?"
21. How did the countries of the world feel about the Treaty of Versailles?
22. What were the short-comings of the treaty?

VII. Revolutions in Russia

23. Why did revolution break out in Russia in 1905?
24. What were the causes leading to the March Revolution?
25. What three major factors weakened the Provisional Government?
26. What were Lenin's main guidelines for the Bolshevik party?
27. Why was the Bolsheviks' November Revolution successful? What were the Bolsheviks' slogans?
28. What political and economic measures did the Bolsheviks take upon gaining power?
29. How did the new Communist government exit the world war and what were the results?
30. Describe Bolshevik civil war policies.